

APPENDIX A

Concise explanation of CH 2 88 737 ("E1")

A generic lower blade shaft is known out of E1, which is characterised by a low set up period in the case of an exchange of worn lower blades due to the use of cutting bushings. However, each annular groove forming the lower blades on the cutting bushings of the lower blade shaft known from E1 comprises only one cutting edge. Moreover E1 discloses that the distance of the annular cutting grooves is identical for different cutting rollers and that different cutting widths are provided by cutting rollers with different arrangements of cutting groove groups (cf. Fig. 1 and page 2, lines 66-78).

Hence the minimum distance between two cutting edges is limited by the groove pitch, so that a flexible choice of the cutting width is restricted. Moreover the use of dual cutting edges is neither anticipated nor made obvious to person skilled in the art by the disclosure of E1.